



Elijah Davis was born August 15, 1850, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, son of William Luce Davis, born in 1824, in Indiana, who died very suddenly July 5, 1852, at Platte River, Nebraska, while on their way to Utah. Elijah's mother was America Jane Overland. She was born in 1827, in Kentucky. She married her husband's brother after William's death. She died in 1874 and is buried at Wallsburg. Elijah died August 22, 1922.

Elijah's wife, Susan, was a daughter of William Madison Wall, who was born September 11, 1858, in Provo, and died at the Heber Hospital at 99 years of age. Her mother was Elizabeth Penrod, who was born September 9, 1836, in Illinois, and died April 14, 1925, at Wallsburg.

Elijah hauled the U. S. mail many years, receiving \$1 a day. He had to go, no matter what kind of weather or if it was possible to get through deep drifting snow, or if the river was so high it was hazardous to ford it on horseback. Elijah had the first shingle mill in Wallsburg, furnishing many shingles to Wasatch and Utah County users.

Their children: William E., Willmirth,

932

John, Nettie, Willard, Lenn, Lula, Nellie and Ora.

SUSAN MOLINDA WALL DAVIS

Susan Molinda Wall Davis was born September 11, 1858, at Provo, Utah, daughter of William and Elizabeth Penrod Wall. She married Elijah Davis on January 5, 1875. To them were born nine children. There were many hardship for the girl. She served as a nurse and midwife. She died at the age of 99, in September, 1957.

History given by Ora Parcell, a daughter. I think you will agree that what I am writing is really history, as it was given to me this March 14th, 1957, by my mother, who is still living at the age of 98, and will be 99 September 11 next. She is Susan Molinda Wall Davis. She is the last living child of the late Elizabeth and William Wall. The town of Wallsburg was named after her father.

She recalls they had many hardships when she was a girl. As there were five wives and 30 children, everyone had to cooperate and work hard. They only had one Sunday or best dress each year. Her mother would spin the wool and another wife, Aunt Emma Wall, wove the cloth and then the dress was made by hand.

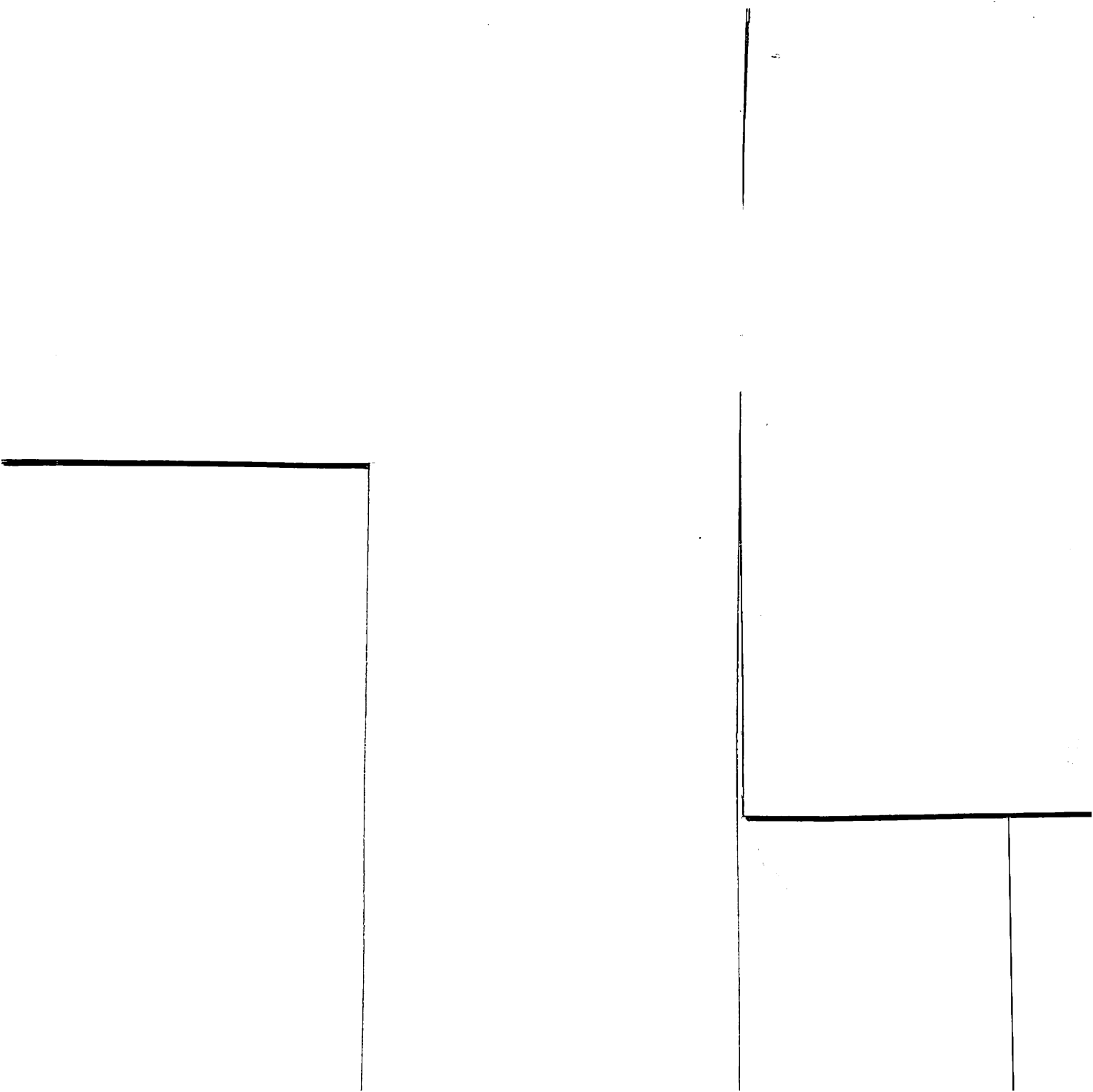
They had but one pair of shoes during the winter and in summer went barefooted. In the year 1875, on January 5, she married Elijah Davis, and to them were born nine children, three boys and six girls. Six of the children are still living. On August 22, 1922, my father passed away.

She has been a very active worker all her life. When the roads and weather were too bad for a doctor to come, she has been a nurse and midwife to many a family in town. Many a time she has gone with both the Drs. Dannenberg and a few times with Dr. Nielson when he first came to Wasatch County. Confinement cases were nearly all taken care of in the home. Some went to the hospital, but most all were at home, and she was always ready to go when called to help.

After the children were reared she had for her hobby star quilt making, completing more than 100. Then she started to crochet hair pin lace for pillow cases, but last year she could not see so well to do this kind of work.

She was very active in Relief Society work as a visiting teacher. She helped to collect funds to build the little Relief Society room that still stands on the corner of the Church lot. She always wants to go to the ward and county parties. She attended the old folks' party held at Daniels Ward last fall, and this spring, on February 23, 1957, she was able to go to the ward reunion and enjoy herself as the oldest member of the ward and also of the county.

A picture we as a family will never forget was when President Cummings and his lovely wife took hold of her arm and walked up the aisle and helped her to her dinner table. It was an honor to him and we feel it is a big honor to her and the family to have the president of our stake help the oldest member as they did that day. Thanks again to President and Mrs. Cummings.



CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

People, Places and Events

When events occur for the first time or when people achieve new things there is usually popular acclaim to remember the events or the people. There are many memorable "firsts" in Wallsburg, including the following:

The first school house and church building was constructed inside the fort area and Mrs. Lucina M. Boren was the first school teacher. The first school house outside the fort was the home of Martin Ford, and the first regular school building was on the property of George L. Batty. Miss Josephine Wall was teacher in 1859. Teachers who came to these first schools lived in the homes of Jennie Allred, Susan Davis, Amber Ford and Mrs. John Graham.

Some of the first musicians that played for dances were William Bancroft, dulcimer; George Allred, Amber, Martin and Alfred Ford, James Wheeler and William Davis who played the violin, organ and guitar.

Mrs. Polly Mecham was the first doctor in Wallsburg and used herbs as well as faith and prayer in caring for the sick. Mrs. Annie Mecham, wife of John L. Mecham, also was an early doctor in the area.

The first irrigation ditches were made by W. J. Boren and William Haws.

The first post office was directed by William E. Nuttall and the mail was carried on horseback and carriage by Dixon Greer. The mail route from Wallsburg was to "String Town" or what was later Harry Watson's farm near Charleston. Other postmasters included S. D. Greer, George Dabling, George P. Garff, Della Mecham, Orpha Wall and Alice C. Graham. Mail carriers included Abram Penrod, Elijah Davis, Ray Boren, Ellis Boren, Willard Davis, John Wall and Roy V. Loertscher.

The first manufacturing was the production of shingles. Owner of the first shingle mill was William Nuttall. John Parcell, Enoch Richens and Elijah Davis also owned an early mill. There were many good lumber mills and carpenters, including William Ford and Martin Ford Jr., who were especially skilled at manufacturing caskets.

The first piece of machinery brought to Round Valley was a mower and reaper owned by Martin Ford, Sr.

The first shoemakers were W. J. Boren, William Haws and Luke Burdick. Mr. Boren was also a skilled cabinetmaker. Early stores were owned by Dick Camp, James Allred, Jacob Harris and Dixon Greer.

The first saw mill was owned by William Penrod, W. J. Boren and James Wheeler, William G. Nuttall and Daniel Bigelow also owned mills.

Martin Ford and William Stoker brought the first cook stoves to the valley. Prior to this all the cooking had been done in fireplaces. Cooking utensils consisted of a kettle on three legs, a bake oven and a deep frying pan 4 Aug. 1864.

Susann Wall, Enoch Gurr and John C. Greer were the first white children to be born in Round Valley 24 Feb. 1865.

Some of the first dramatists in Round Valley were Eathan A. Duke, Joseph Kerby, Polly Allred, Belle Penrod, Frank Allred, Mr. and Mrs. How Duke, Ezra Greer, Parley Ford, Earl Ford, Mark Kerby, William Ford, Gertrude Ford, John Whiting, Alfred Ford, Leone Allen, Myrtle Ford and some others.

SCHOOLS IN WALLSBURG

A combination church house and school building constructed of logs plastered with mud was the scene of the first classwork in Wallsburg. Mrs. Lucina M. Boren taught in the small building which was located inside the fort walls.



The Wallsburg School constructed in 1904 from red sandstone and still in use.

When the community expanded outside the fort, Martin Ford's home was used as the school and Aaron Thomas, a Christian minister, served as the teacher.

Later, a combination school house and dance hall was built on property owned by George L. Batty. A second school house was built a few years later and boasted two rooms of red sandstone construction. The present school was built in 1904 by Edd Snyder, and also was of red sandstone. When the building was constructed the town was bonded for \$4,000, but the indebtedness was soon paid off and \$1,500 in cash was turned over to the Wasatch County School District when Wallsburg District was discontinued and all county schools were consolidated.

Lucina Mecham Boren began teaching in the winter of 1865 and these teachers followed: Josephine Wall Rogers, Dixon Hamlin Greer, Richard Cecil Camp, George Pickup, F. W. Hathenbrook, Aaron Thomas, all before 1875. Then D. Camp Wray, Richard J. Nuttall, Ada Glenn,

See also p 221 ALBUM